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Governor Doyle Announces \$1.7 Million to Fund Redevelopment in 31 Communities

Brownfields Site Assessment Grants Part of Governor's "Grow Wisconsin" Plan

Governor Jim Doyle announced today the award of \$1.7 million in grants through the Department of Natural Resources to assess contamination at abandoned or underused properties in 31 communities across the state.

"These grants are important for communities looking to redevelop blighted properties," Governor Doyle said. "As each round of grants goes out, communities are able to envision the positive effects this program has on their economic and renewal projects – the cleanup and safe reuse of those properties."

The DNR's Brownfields Site Assessment Grants are part of Governor Doyle's "Grow Wisconsin" efforts to build Wisconsin's economic base. They provide seed money to local governments for demolition, environmental assessments, and removal of abandoned tanks and containers.

The grants will fund 45 projects that will begin the process to redevelop brownfields, which are abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived contamination.

Small grants (up to \$30,000) make up 36 of the awards, while nine are large grants (between \$30,000 and \$100,000). The grants will provide funds for environmental activities on 107 acres of land. Activities include 128 site assessments and investigations, the demolition of 63 buildings or structures, and the removal of 87 tanks, drums, and other abandoned containers.

Local governments have also pledged more than \$900,000 in additional funds for the projects, well beyond the 20 percent match required through the application process.

"The continued high level of local investment into these projects speaks volumes about the success of the DNR's Site Assessment Grant Program," Governor Doyle said. "Leveraging local dollars will help redevelop these properties in the long run."

The DNR received 76 applications totaling \$3.1 million in requests, nearly twice as much as the \$1.7 million available this fiscal year.

This is the sixth round of SAG awards since the program began in 2000. In the first five rounds, the DNR awarded more than \$6.56 million to 103 communities to begin investigation and cleanup at 742 acres. These activities included 340 site assessments and investigations, the removal of nearly 200 underground storage tanks, and the demolition of 261 structures and buildings.

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Governor Doyle's 2005-07 Budget earmarked \$3.4 million for the DNR's Brownfields SAG program. The State Legislature first authorized \$1.45 million for the SAG program in the 1999-2001 Budget after the Brownfields Study Group, a statewide advisory task force, recommended the program in their 1998 final report. The following local governments are receiving Round 6 grants:

Cities, Villages, and Counties:

Bayfield County	Former Cable Union 76	\$2,100
Village of Birchwood	Chris Davis Property	\$30,000
Black River Falls	Winnebago South	\$30,000
Burnett County	Former Hedlund DX	\$15,250
Chilton	Frane Building	\$21,000
Chilton	Denmark Lot 32	\$16,500
Chilton	Propson Building	\$23,150
Chippewa County	Former Hotel Royal	\$100,000
Village of Crivitz	214 Henriette Ave.	\$27,600
Delevan	Ann St. Railroad Corridor	\$29,400
Eau Claire	Walter Brew House	\$100,000
Town of Fifield	Old Fifield School	\$100,000
Town of Florence	The Chatterbox	\$35,640
Fond du Lac County	Glenn Hansen Property	\$25,000
Fort Atkinson	Former Northwestern Mfg. Company	\$30,000
Village of Gilman	115 E. Main St. Redevelopment	\$30,000
Green Bay	Younkers Redevelopment	\$100,000
Village of Lomira	Schmitz Property	\$29,840
Milwaukee	3613 N. Palmer St.	\$99,990
Milwaukee	5190 N. Hopkins St.	\$29,990
Milwaukee	2200-06 N. 32 nd St.	\$29,990
Milwaukee	36 th & North	\$29,990
Neillsville	Former Neillsville Foundry	\$100,000
Village of New Glarus	Pet Milk Site	\$15,175
Outagamie County	Sielaff Andrews Property	\$30,000
Racine	Horlick Building 1 Redevelopment	\$29,895
Racine	Horlick Building 4 Redevelopment	\$29,895
Rhineland	Jevne Bulk Plant	\$41,065
Richland Center	Court St. Mall Project	\$29,500
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Village of Rosholt	Abandoned Feed Mill	\$50,000
Rusk County	Jim's Heating & Air Conditioning	\$27,100
Taylor County	Donald Store	\$29,000
Trempealeau County	Former Service Station	\$24,500
Winnebago County	Former American Quality Fibers	\$30,000
Wauwatosa	69 th St. Public Parking Env. Investigations	\$30,000

Redevelopment and Community Development Authorities (RDAs and CDAs)

Grafton Community Development Authority	Town Square Redevelopment	\$29,000
Redevelopment Authority City of Milwaukee	1605 N. 31 st - Commercial Laundry	\$29,990
	2540-50 N. MLK Drive	\$29,990
	3045 W. Walnut St.	\$29,990
	Basil Ryan Property	\$29,990
	502-04 W. Cherry St.	\$29,990
	Stockyards Redevelopment	\$29,990
	143 E. Lincoln Ave.	\$29,990